

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 28, 2017 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch  
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 410, 3/28/2017; HB 623, 3/28/2017; HB 578, 3/28/2017; HB 590, 3/28/2017; HB 591, 3/28/2017  
Executive Action: HB 410; HB 623; HB 578; HB 590; HB 591; HB 23; HB 117

**HEARING ON HB 591**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

05:08:19 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 591, Provide for student loan refinancing.

05:08:40 Rep. Burnett and Rep. Hamlett joined the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

05:10:15 Rep. Lynch  
05:12:51 Rep. Zach Brown  
05:13:01 Vice Chair Brodehl  
05:13:54 Rep. Zach Brown  
05:13:58 Rep. Peppers  
05:14:33 Rep. Zach Brown  
05:16:02 Vice Chair McCarthy  
05:17:46 Vice Chair Brodehl  
05:19:44 Rep. Zach Brown  
05:20:01 Rep. Knokey  
05:26:20 Rep. Zach Brown  
05:27:30 Rep. Lynch  
05:27:49 Rep. Zach Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

05:28:33 Rep. Zach Brown

**HEARING ON HB 623**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

05:29:33 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 623, Revise hunting license laws related to bonus points.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

05:30:49 Rep. Hamlett  
05:31:17 Rep. White

**Closing by Sponsor:**

05:31:48 Rep. White

**HEARING ON HB 410**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

05:32:01 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 410, Increase funding for noxious weed trust fund.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

05:33:55 Rep. Shaw

**HEARING ON HB 590**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

05:34:27 Rep. Jessica Karjala (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 590, Generally revise suicide prevention laws and grants for youth suicide prevention.

**EXHIBIT(aph64b01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

05:36:48 Vice Chair Brodehl  
05:37:34 Rep. Karjala  
05:38:12 Vice Chair Brodehl  
05:38:18 Chair Ballance  
05:38:39 Rep. Cook  
05:39:22 Chair Ballance  
05:39:24 Rep. Karjala  
05:39:40 Chair Ballance  
05:39:55 Vice Chair Brodehl  
05:40:12 Quinn Holzer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**EXHIBIT(aph64b02)**

05:41:07 Chair Ballance  
05:41:12 Quinn Holzer, LFD  
05:41:31 Vice Chair Brodehl  
  
05:44:42 Quinn Holzer, LFD  
05:45:58 Vice Chair McCarthy  
05:46:29 Rep. Dudik arrived

05:46:55 Quinn Holzer, LFD  
05:47:29 Rep. Keane  
05:47:50 Quinn Holzer, LFD  
05:48:02 Chair Ballance  
05:48:21 Quinn Holzer, LFD  
05:48:51 Chair Ballance  
05:49:07 Quinn Holzer, LFD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

05:50:10 Rep. Karjala

**HEARING ON HB 578****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

05:51:44 Rep. Wylie Galt (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 578, Legalize blackjack and allocate proceeds.

05:53:16 Chair Ballance

**Proponents' Testimony:**

05:53:47 Rep. Lavin

**Opponents' Testimony:**

05:56:02 Angela Nunn, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
06:01:01 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association  
06:06:32 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)  
06:08:50 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators

**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

06:12:15 Rep. Keane  
06:13:31 John Iverson, MTA  
06:13:42 Rep. Woods  
06:14:58 Rep. Galt  
06:15:03 Rep. Hamlett  
06:15:40 Vice Chair McCarthy  
06:17:07 Rep. Galt  
06:17:39 Rep. Peppers  
06:17:58 John Iverson, MTA  
06:18:16 Vice Chair Brodehl  
06:18:54 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association  
06:19:50 Vice Chair Brodehl  
06:21:22 Rep. Jones  
06:21:47 Angela Nunn, DOJ  
06:21:58 Rep. Jones

**Closing by Sponsor:**

06:22:32 Rep. Galt

06:24:11 Chair Ballance

06:24:42 Recessed

06:39:45 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 410**

06:39:52 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 410 DO PASS**. Motion failed 10-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Cook, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting aye.

06:41:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 410 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 19-3 by voice vote with Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett and Rep. Keane voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 623**

06:41:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 623 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 578**

06:42:33 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 578 DO PASS**. Motion carried 12-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Burnett, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. D. Jones, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting no.

06:42:40 Rep. Hamlett left the meeting

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 590**

06:43:59 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 590 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

06:44:05 Vice Chair McCarthy

06:45:24 **Vote:** Motion failed 11-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Keane, Rep. Knokey, Rep. Lynch, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting aye. Rep. Hamlett voted by proxy.

06:46:40 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 590 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 20-2 by voice vote with Rep. Ellis and Rep. Peppers voting no. Rep. Hamlett voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 591**

06:47:11 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 591 DO PASS**. Motion failed 11-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Keane, Rep. Knokey, Rep. Lynch, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting aye. Rep. Hamlett voted by proxy.

06:48:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 591 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hamlett voted by proxy.

06:49:07 Chair Ballance

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 23**

06:49:18 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 23 DO PASS**.

06:49:27 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Glimm made a substitute motion that **HB 23 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 18-4 by voice vote with Rep. Lynch, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Hamlett voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 117**

06:50:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 117 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 20-2 by voice vote with Rep. Dudik and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Hamlett voted by proxy.

06:52:03 Chair Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 06:52:22

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Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([aph64bad.pdf](#))**